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City Conducts Fair Housing Survey

The City of San Marcos is conducting a fair housing survey by mail and online through the end of May seeking input from 6,000 residents who have made new utility connections in the past 12 months.

“We encourage people who have moved into San Marcos, moved from one location to another or had other housing activities to participate in the survey,” said Janis Hendrix, Community Initiatives Administrator. “Our goal is to evaluate the status of fair housing in San Marcos by letting residents share their housing experiences with us in an anonymous, survey format.”

The survey is available online at surveymonkey.com/s/fairhousingsurvey. In addition, some 400 surveys have been mailed to a random selection of the 6,000 people who had new utility connections in San Marcos.

The survey asks whether participants were guided to certain neighborhoods, if they were treated unfairly, where they experienced unfair treatment, if they filed a complaint, and if their situations were resolved to their satisfaction.

Federal law prohibits discrimination in renting or buying a home on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status or disability.

Information about the Fair Housing Act is available online at the Department of Housing and Urban Development at hud.gov under the topic area of “housing discrimination.” Complaints of housing discrimination may be filed online at the HUD website, by mail or by calling 800.669.9777.

For local information about fair housing or the survey, contact Hendrix at 512.393.8147.

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